

*Troilus and Cressida.*

Before the belching Whale; then is he yonder,  
And there the straying Greekes ripe for his edge,  
Fall downe before him, like the mowers swath;  
Here, there, and euery where, he leaues and takes;  
Dexteritie so obeying appetite,  
That what he will, he does, and does so much,  
That prooue is call'd impossibility.

*Enter Ulysses.*

*Ulysses.* Oh, courage, courage Princes: great Achilles  
Is arming, weeping, cursing, vowing vengeance;  
*Patroclus* wounds haue rouz'd his drowzie blood,  
Together with his mangled *Myrmidons*,  
That noselesse, handlelesse, hackt and chipt, come to him;  
Crying on *Hektor*. *Ajax* hath lost a friend,  
And foames at mouth, and he is arm'd, and at it:  
Roaring for *Troilus*; who hath done to day,  
Mad and fantastick execution;  
Engaging and redeeming of himselfe,  
With such a carelesse force, and forcelesse care,  
As if that luck in very spite of cunning, bad him win all.

*Enter Ajax.*

*Aia.* *Troilus*, thou coward *Troilus*. *Exit.*

*Dio.* I, there, there.

*Nest.* So, so, we draw together. *Exit.*

*Enter Achilles.*

*Achil.* Where is this *Hektor*?

Come, come, thou boy-queller, shew thy face:

Know what it is to meete *Achilles* angry.

*Hektor*, where's *Hektor*? I will none but *Hektor*. *Exit.*

*Enter Ajax.*

*Aia.* *Troilus*, thou coward *Troilus*, shew thy head.

*Enter Diomed.*

*Dio.* *Troilus*, I say, where's *Troilus*?

*Aia.* What would'st thou?

*Dio.* I would correct him.

*Aia.* Were I the General,

Thou should'st haue my office,

Ere that correction: *Troilus* I say, what *Troilus*?

*Enter Troilus.*

*Troy.* Oh traitour *Diomed*!

Turne thy false face thou traitor,

And pay thy life thou owest me for my horse.

*Dio.* He, are thou there?

*Aia.* He fight with him alone, stand *Diomed*.

*Dio.* He is my prize, I will not looke vpon.

*Troy.* Come both you coging Greekes, haue at you

*Exit Troilus.*

*Enter Hektor.*

*Hekt.* Yea *Troilus*? O well fought my yongest Brother.

*Enter Achilles.*

*Achil.* Now doe I see thee; haue at thee *Hektor*.

*Hekt.* Pause if thou wilt.

*Achil.* I doe disdaine thy curtesie, proud *Troian*;

Be happy that my armes are out of vse;

My rest and negligence befriends thee now;

But thou anon shalt heare of me againe:

Till when, goe seeke thy fortune. *Exit.*

*Hekt.* Fare thee well;

I would haue bene much more a fresher man,

Had I expected thee: how now my Brother?

*Enter Troilus.*

*Troy.* *Ajax* hath rane *Aeneas*; shall I be?

No, by the flame of yonder glorious heauen;

He shall not carry him: He be rane too;

Or bring him off: Fate heare me what I say;

I wreake nor, though thou end my life to day.

*Enter one in Armour.*

*Hekt.* Stand, stand, thou Greeke,

Thou art a goodly marke:

No? wilt thou not? I like thy armour well,

He frush it, and vnlocke the rivets all,

But He be maister of it: wilt thou not best abide?

Why then flye on, He hunt thee for thy hide.

*Enter Achilles with Myrmidons.*

*Achil.* Come here about me you my *Myrmidons*:

Marke what I say; attend me where I wheele:

Strike not a stroke, but keepe your selues in breath;

And when I haue the bloudy *Hektor* found,

Empale him with your weapons round about:

In fellest manner execute your arme.

Follow me first, and my proceedings eye;

It is decreed, *Hektor* the great must dye.

*Enter Thersites, Menelaus, and Paris.*

*Ther.* The Cuckold and the Cuckold maker are at it:

now bull, now dogge, lows; *Paris* lowe; now my double

hen'd sparrow; lowe *Paris*, lowe; the bull has the

game: ware hornes ho?

*Exit Paris and Menelaus.*

*Enter Bastard.*

*Bast.* Turne slaue and fight.

*Ther.* What art thou?

*Bast.* A Bastard Sonne of *Priams*.

*Ther.* I am a Bastard too, I loue Bastards, I am a Ba-

stard begot, Bastard instructed, Bastard in minde, Bastard

in valour, in euery thing illegitimate: one Beare will not

bite another, and wherefore should one Bastard? take

heede, the quarrell's most ominous to vs: if the Sonne of a

whore fight for a whore, he tempts iudgement: farewell

Bastard.

*Bast.* The diuell take thee coward. *Exit.*

*Enter Hektor.*

*Hekt.* Most putrified core so faire without;

Thy goodly armour thus hath cost thy life.

Now is my daies worke done; He take good breath:

Rest sword, thou hast thy fill of bloud and death.

*Enter Achilles and his Myrmidons.*

*Achil.* Looke *Hektor* how the Sunne begins to set;

How vgly night comes breathing at his heeles,

Euen with the vaile and darking of the Sunne.

To close the day vp, *Hektors* life is done.

*Hekt.* I am vnarm'd, forgoe this vantage Greeke.

*Achil.* Strike fellowes, strike, this is the man I seeke.

So Illion fall thou: now *Troy* sinke downe;

Here lyes thy heart, thy sinewes, and thy bone.

On *Myrmidons*, cry you all a maine;

*Achilles* hath the mighty *Hektor* slaine. *Retreat.*

Harke, a retreat vpon our Grecian part.

*Gree.* The *Troian* Trumpets sounds the like my Lord.

*Achil.* The dragon wing of night ore-spreads the earth

And stickler-like the Armies seperates

My halfe supt sword, that frankly would haue fed,

Pleas'd with this dainty bed; thus goes to bed.

Come, tye his body to my horses taylor;

Along the field, I will the *Troian* traile. *Exit.*

*Sound Retreat.*

*Enter Agamemnon, Ajax, Menelaus, Nestor,*

*Diomed, and the rest marching.*

*Ag.* Harke, harke, what shout is that?

*Nest.* Peace Drums.

*Sol. Achil.*

*Troilus and Cressida.*

*Sol.* *Achilles*, *Achilles*, *Hektor's* slaine, *Achilles*.

*Dio.* The brute is, *Hektor's* slaine, and by *Achilles*.

*Aia.* If it be so, yet braglesse let it be:

Great *Hektor* was a man as good as he.

*Agam.* March patiently along; let one be sent

To pray *Achilles* see vs at our Tent.

If in his death the gods haue vs befrended,

Great *Troy* is ours, and our sharpe wars are ended. *Exit.*

*Enter Aeneas, Paris, Antenor and Deiphobus.*

*Aene.* Stand hee, yet are we maisters of the field,

Neuer goe home; here starue we out the night.

*Enter Troilus.*

*Troy.* *Hektor* is slaine.

*Ach.* *Hektor*? the gods forbid.

*Troy.* Hee's dead: and at the murderers Horses taile,

In beasty sort, drag'd through the shamefull Field:

Frowne on you heauens, effect your rage with speede:

Sit gods vpon your throanes, and smile at *Troy*.

I say at once, let your brieue plagues be mercy,

And linger not our sure destructions on.

*Aene.* My Lord, you doe discomfort all the Hoste.

*Troy.* You vnderstand me not, that tell me so:

I doe not speake of flight, of feare, of death,

But dare all imminence that gods and men,

Adresse their dangers in. *Hektor* is gone:

Who shall tell *Priam* so? or *Hecuba*?

Let him that will a screechoule aye be call'd,

Goe in to *Troy*, and say there, *Hektor's* dead:

There is a word will *Priam* turne to stone;

Make wels, and *Niobes* of the maidens and wiues;

Coolle statues of the youth: and in a word,

Scare *Troy* out of it selfe. But march away,

*Hektor* is dead: there is no more to say.

Stay yet: you vile abominable Tents,  
Thus proudly pight vpon our Phrygian plaines:  
Let *Titan* rise as early as he dare,  
He through, and through you; & thou great siz'd coward:  
No space of Earth shall sunder our two hates,  
He haunt thee, like a wicked conscience still,  
That mouldeth goblins swift as frenesie thoughts.  
Strike a free march to *Troy*, with comfort goe:  
Hope of reuenge, shall hide our inward woe.

*Enter Pandarus.*

*Pand.* But heare you? heare you?

*Troy.* Hence broker, lackie, ignomy, and shame

Pursue thy life, and liue aye with thy name. *Exit.*

*Pand.* A goodly medicine for mine aking bones: oh world,

world, world! thus is the poore agent dispisde: Oh trait-

ours and bawdes; how earnestly are you set aworke, and

how ill requited? why should our indevour be so desir'd,

and the performance so loath'd? What Verse for it? what

instance for it? let me see.

Full merrily the humble Bee doth sing,

Till he hath lost his hony, and his sting.

And being once subdu'd in armed taile,

Sweete hony, and sweete notes together faile.

Good traders in the flesh, set this in your painted cloathes;

As many as be here of *Panders* hall,

Your eyes halfe out, weepe out at *Pandars* fall:

Or if you cannot weepe, yet giue some grones;

Though not for me, yet for your sking bones:

Brethren and sisters of the hold-dore trade,

Some two months hence, my will shall here be made:

It should be now, but that my feare is this:

Some galled Goose of *Winchester* would hisse:

Till then, He sweare, and seeke about for eases;

And at that time bequeath you my diseases. *Exit.*

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